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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-7673)

FROM : SA GEORGE J. SMALL #55

SUBJECT: BLACK MAFIA
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DATE: 6/10/74

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Pursuant to the article entitled "Muscling In On the White Mobsters", appearing in the New York Daily news edition, 6/10/74, the following anti-racketeering cases are being opened on the following named individuals:

[redacted]
Negro male, aged [redacted] former residence [redacted] NY

TITLE: LEROY BARNES aka Nicky AR (OO:NY) 12-63-A-321 S.
Negro male, aged 42, last known address
3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, NY
aka Leroy Barnes
first name

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Negro male, aged [redacted] last known address
[redacted] New York

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Receiving agents should conduct credit, criminal and indices checks, in addition to contacts with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and any other logical contacts to obtain all current and background information regarding subjects. It should be noted that New York file 92-7673 entitled "BLACK INCORPORATED", will be used as a control file. in these investigations.

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Bail Denied in Black Mafia Case

The fourth attempt at raising \$100,000 bail for the reputed No. 2 man in the Black Mafia, Leroy (Nicky) Barnes, was delayed yesterday in Bronx Supreme Court.

Judge Maurice Grey put the case over until today because of legal questions involving the source of funds in the first three bail attempts.

Barnes is accused of the fatal stabbing of Clifford Haynes in a Bronx apartment March 9. — James Duddy

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SA [REDACTED] (#51)

[REDACTED]

On 6/21/74, informant was contacted by the writer and SA HERRILL S. PARKS, Jr. and furnished the following information:

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Informant was questioned concerning recent articles in the "Daily News" concerning a "Black Mafia". Informant who admittedly [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he knew most of the individuals mentioned in the news article. He stated that the concept of a Black Mafia was violence and that there was no organization among the black narcotics dealers anywhere similar to that of the Italian hoodlums. He stated that the main reason is that there is no respect for one another and, most important, no trust. It has been known in the past that black narcotics dealers will readily go into each other's territory to steal "customers" with a higher grade of heroin. He further stated that several black narcotics dealers have become informants when they were caught by Federal or State agencies.

Informant stated that the individuals who appeared in the newspaper article are in no way inter-related in a criminal

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organization but are rather heads of individual gangs who have established themselves as major narcotics dealers. Informant furnished the following information concerning those whom he knew.

[redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] came to the New York area [redacted] and established himself by becoming close to [redacted]. He stated that up until [redacted] was one of the connections that [redacted] had for obtaining heroin. Since [redacted] informant stated that [redacted] became connected with [redacted] and narcotics dealer from the Harlem area. Informant stated that [redacted] has a connection in [redacted]

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Informant stated that [redacted] started out in the [redacted] in Brooklyn, and up until a couple of years ago, was using [redacted]. All three of these men are stickup men and extremely dangerous.

Informant stated that he has no information concerning [redacted] present whereabouts.

NICKY BARNES

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Informant stated that BARNES, who is presently incarcerated, was raised in 114th Street and 7th Avenue of Harlem. In the early 1960's, BARNES also became connected with [redacted] Harlem, ^{NY} Informant has heard that BARNES' [redacted]

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Similar to [redacted] BARNES established a relationship with [redacted] after [redacted] Two of his [redacted] a male Negro, approximately [redacted] years old, and [redacted] a male Negro, approximately [redacted] years old.

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Informant stated that [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] is a major heroin dealer. He stated that several years ago [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, informant stated that [redacted] who was with [redacted] also had a connection for heroin and [redacted] He stated that without [redacted] and [redacted] would be nothing.

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Informant stated that [redacted] who is currently [redacted]

[redacted] cocaine dealer and operated in the area of [redacted] Informant stated [redacted] is not a major dealer and should not have received the notoriety that he did. He stated that one of [redacted] associates is [redacted] and that he was obtaining his cocaine from a [redacted]

Informant stated that the other individuals mentioned in the news article were either unknown to him or were just small time narcotics pushers. He stated the main dealers in narcotics are now young individuals who are not afraid of the old time dealers, and not afraid of any sentences they may receive if caught inasmuch as the lifetime New York State sentence has not been enforced.

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PD NY NY Prob Dept Crt of Gen Sessions NY NY	Leroy Barnes, Fr. #15186 Leroy Barnes #---	6-8-51 June 1951 FP 7-11-51	GL & burglars tools pre-ploady	2-27-52 Final
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PD NYC NY NYC Ref New Hampton NY	Leroy Barnes #B301349 Leroy Barnes #18114	9-7-55 10-26-55	3305 PHL chg of drugs sessions ret vto parole	40 das special Crt ind
PD NY NY	Leroy Barnes #1532-23	3-9-56	1751 PL (poss Heroin)	
PD NY NY	Leroy Barnes #301349	1-22-57	3305 PHL (heroin)	
PD NY NY	Leroy Barnes #B-301349	2-5-59	1751 PL poss Heroin	
PD NY NY	Leroy Barnes #B-301349	3-10-59	1751 PL & 1747d PL poss 2 oz heroin & works	
Prob Dept Kings Co Crt Brooklyn NY	Leroy Barnes #57852	March 1959 FP 5-14-59	not given	PG att. 1751.

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Sing Sing Pr Ossining NY	Leroy Barnes #137149	3-3-66	Bronx Co Supreme Crt Verd vio Sec 1751 Sund 3 PL	15-0/20-0
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To Director, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

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6/12/74Re BLACK MAFIA
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Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name <u>LEROY BARNES</u>		FBI No. <u>0</u>	
Aliases <u>NICKY Barnes</u>		Other No. <u>NYPD B# 301 349</u>	
Sex <u>M</u>	Race <u>N</u>	Birth Date	Birthplace
Height	Weight	Build	Hair
Eyes		Residence <u>BRONX, N.Y.</u>	
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

FROM : SA [REDACTED] Section 55 (P)

SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES, aka.
"Nicky"
AR

DATE: 7/25/74

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Re NY memo of SA GEORGE J. SMALL, dated 6/10/74.

Captioned case was opened based upon a five-part series of articles entitled "The Black Mafia" which appeared in the "New York Daily News" between 6/10 and 6/15/74. According to the lead article, "The News will expose the Black Mafia, its leaders and the rackets they are taking over from the old Mafia". The article further stated, "The most affluent and most violent black gangs are all in narcotics. Their leaders, according to police and federal sources, comprise the top 10 of the local Black Mafia". One of these ten was identified, according to the "Daily News" story was "Leroy (Nicky) Barnes, 42, last known address 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx."

A check of the references of the NYO reveal the following identifiable refs with respect to BARNES.

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As furnished by the NYCPD an "Alphabetical Listing of 100 Major Narcotics Violators" Listed as the sixth in importance was LEROY BARNES.

(12-63A-321)

This reference is also an article which appeared in The "New York Daily News" on 5/14/74, page 7, captioned "Drug Dealer Held in Killing". The story revealed that LEROY BARNES was arraigned on murder charges in Bronx Supreme Court on the previous day. The story went on, "Barnes, 44, of 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, Riverdale, Bronx, is charged with the stabbing of Clifford Hayes, 31, in Haynes apartment on March 8."

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A check of the records of the BCI, NYCPD, on 7/3/74 by SA AUGUST J. MICEK revealed an extensive arrest records relative to the subject. The following description was obtained.

Name:	LEROY BARNES
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black
Date of birth:	10/15/32
Place of birth:	NYC
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	165
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
NYCPD #:	B"301349
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Subject BARNES is currently confined on Rikers Island pending the posting of a \$100,000.

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At New York, New York

Will continue to develop further background regarding the subject and contact logical informants re an knowledge that the subject is a member of the so-called "Black Mafia".

How Dope King Nicky Sought Respectability

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interest in our development was when we read it in the newspaper," said John Kasulaitis, assistant to the head of the Cleveland FHA office.

Barnes' respectability front was smashed by the persistence of a Bronx assistant district attorney, Helen Johnson, who fought seven bail applications while Barnes was being held on a murder charge and who, in the process, discovered Barnes' Detroit real-estate holdings.

Now a federal grand jury in Detroit has begun to hear evidence concerning Barnes' purchase of the Pontiac, Mich., development, called Oakwood. Lawrence Leff, who is heading the investigation, said lawyers and real-estate men who had dealt with Barnes in the Michigan transaction were scheduled for early appearances before the grand jury.

Two such men who are to be called are Charles Goldman and Gerald Goray. Goldman is a part owner of the Detroit Wheels of the new World Football League. Goray is a former counsel to the Federal Housing Administration in Detroit. Both men have shares in the development.

Goldman, interviewed in Detroit, said Barnes had been referred to him by the local law firm of Bolden & Blake. "I only met the guy once," said Goldman. "He came here to sign papers. He didn't say two words. His lawyers did all the talking. He seemed like an amiable guy. My only concern was that he had representation. Very frankly,

there are security regulations. I know we cleared him through the attorney general's office in New York—well, not us, the attorneys for the builders."

Goldman was quick to assert that he had known nothing of Barnes' reputation as one of the nation's biggest narcotics dealers. Barnes' finances were checked, and were legitimate, Goldman said.

When pressed, Goldman said "I can't tell you where this man made his money or didn't make it. I really am not concerned. We have procedures to follow. We had no idea. You run into a lot of funny things with businessmen, and you don't ask questions as long as they are . . . you know . . . you do as you're supposed to do."

Although Barnes was seemingly a stranger to some real-estate men and lawyers in Detroit, he was well known to Detroit narcotics pushers, whom he had supplied heroin for a number of years. Barnes, according to law-enforcement sources, is a close friend of Helen Marzette, whose husband, Henry, ran the Detroit narcotics racket until his death, two years ago.

Marzette, a one-time cop, imported his heroin from Barnes, in New York, and earned enough money to buy a palatial home in a Detroit suburb and a plantation in the Bahamas.

Barnes is no stranger in Detroit. In fact, he purchased his interest in the Cleveland development from Antoine Tweed of the Detroit-based Edgemont Security Corp., exclusive sales agent for Erie Square.

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How Dope King Nicky Sought Respectability

By EDWARD KIRKMAN

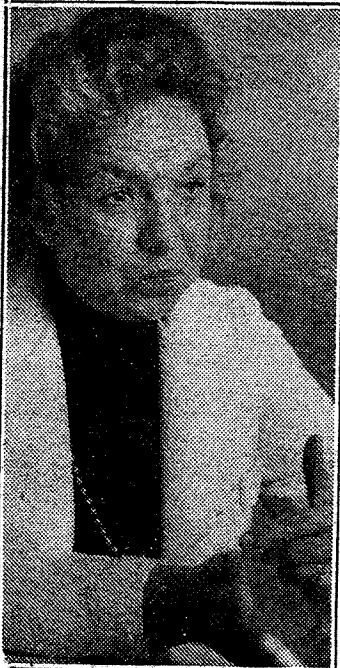
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LeRoy (Nicky) Barnes had an unusual problem. Cash in exceptionally large amounts was rolling in from his vast narcotics network. Nicky had a \$1,000-a-month Riverdale pad. His wardrobe bulged with 500 custom-tailored suits and sports jackets, 60 pairs of the finest shoes and 27 full-length leather coats.

His life style had already resulted in a \$325,000 tax lien by the Internal Revenue Service.

What Barnes needed was a legitimate front, and he found it in the Federal Housing Administration, with its tax-shelter programs and vast investment opportunities. Better yet, from Barnes' viewpoint, was the ease with which a little legal razzle-dazzle could defeat the superficial check that the FHA made of its applicants.

With the proper legal help, Barnes could invest in federally insured real-



Helen Johnson
Nicky's nemesis

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estate projects. He could not only write off his investments for the first five years through the tax-shelter arrangements but also have potentially lucrative properties for the future. In addition, he would have a respectable front.

Nicky began buying his respectability in early 1973, when he acquired a 39% interest in the Erie Square housing rehabilitation project in Cleveland. For \$35,000 down and a promise to pay an additional \$105,000, Barnes became one of six partners in the venture.

Barnes' interest was duly recorded in court, but was not reported to the Cleveland office of the FHA. This failure to report was a clear violation of the agency's regulations.

Barnes now looked for a much bigger deal, and had his sights set on a federally insured garden-apartment complex in Pontiac, Mich.

Under the extremely lax rules of the Federal Housing Administration, an applicant simply shows previous participation in a government project to gain approval for another investment.

"An investor must fill out our 2530 form and list his previous participation,"

says an FHA public information officer, Lawrence Beckerman. "The previous participation is checked for foreclosure. If none is found, the applicant is approved."

Beckerman says that neither the FBI nor any other law-enforcement agency is consulted for possible criminal records of applicants. "I suppose our system leaves something to be desired," he says.

Barnes, with a cash deposit of \$270,000 and an agreement to pay an additional \$630,000, purchased a 90% interest in the Pontiac project. He had listed his Cleveland interest on the 2530 form, despite the Cleveland office's being unaware of this first investment.

The Detroit FHA office had duly forwarded Barnes' application to Washington. In a short time, the application had been approved. Neither the Washington office nor the Detroit office had checked with Cleveland to verify Barnes' previous participation.

"The first we knew of Barnes' in-

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Nicky Barnes, the Preacher and \$50,000 Bail Money

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first arrested, on a charge of possessing a hypodermic needle, in 1950, when he was 17. He was adjudged a youthful offender. Barnes was arrested the following year, on a charge of possession of burglary tools.

In 1956, Barnes was arrested on a charge of having sold narcotics. The charge was dismissed. Three years later, Barnes drew a 2½-year sentence for peddling heroin in Brooklyn. When he got out of prison, he had kicked his habit, and was ready for bigger things.

The Big Time

Barnes came under the influence of Bumpy Johnson, a legendary Harlem policy-racketing who dealt a little dope on the side. Bumpy was the Mafia's man in Harlem. He took his protégé to E. 116th St. to meet some white narcotics connections.

Nicky was introduced to some of the Mafia's up-and-coming heroin importers, including Louie

(Gigi) Inglese, Ralph (the General) Tutino, Arnold Squitiri, John (Johnny Hooks) Capra and Herbie Sperling, a tough Jewish kid who spoke perfect Italian.

Barnes now had a direct source of narcotics supply. Life was cool clothes, warm women and Cadillacs.

Nicky moved quickly, and set up a solid organization. He never touched the stuff himself. Rather, he sent trusted aides to pick up the packages from white suppliers.

The heroin then was taken to one of a dozen cutting mills that Barnes operated in the Bronx and Manhattan. After the cutting and packaging, the heroin was moved onto the street.

Before long, Barnes was referred to in Harlem in the respectful tones reserved for such narcotics superstars as Zack Robinson, Goldfinger Terrell and J. C. (for Jesus Christ) Abraham. C. (for Jesus Christ) Abraham. Nicky's stuff, identified by a

circled B, was the strongest junk on the street and much desired by addicts.

Barnes was just going into high gear when, in 1966, he was busted. He returned in 1970, and found that many fellow dope barons had been sent to prison. Goldfinger Terrell, for example, was in for a long stretch.

But before going up, Terrell had left for Nicky \$900,000 in cash, some of the money Terrell had made from selling 39 kilos to Barnes.

Terrell had also left for Barnes a Mafia connection. The connection was Anthony (Tony) Stanzone, 46, of Englewood, N.J., a soldier in the Carmine (Mr. Gribbs) Trumunti family. Stanzone had a regular Europe-South America-Montreal narcotics supply route.

Barnes now had not only the money but also a solid dope connection. Next, he needed a new

and bigger organization. He also needed protection. Murder was, and is, usual among black narcotics traffickers. Young guys looking for cash are fast on the trigger. Money buys a kilo of heroin, and one key, as it is called, is sometimes the beginning of a fortune.

Barnes quickly got a bodyguard — Richard (Big Smitty) Smith, a 350-pound goon who had served time for machine-gunning a man to death. Next, Barnes added to his organization by taking on Frank James, another convicted killer, as top lieutenant. Curtis Mallette, Gregory Johnson and Stanley Morgan also joined the Barnes team.

Nicky divorced his wife, Pauline, and latched on to curvaceous Thelma Grant, 25, a former junkie. He set up cutting mills, and recruited an army of street pushers. Anyone who objected to the Barnes takeover was killed.

The money began rolling in.

Barnes got a mild shock in August 1973, when cops from the Organized Control Bureau seized him and Thelma in their plush pad in upper Manhattan. Nicky, ever cool, told the arresting officers to put their guns away, "That isn't necessary," he said.

The police found in the apartment five guns and a small amount of marijuana. Barnes also had hundreds of suits, sport jackets and slacks and 60 pairs of shoes. Cops counted 27 full-length leather coats. Also found, in a bureau drawer, was more than \$43,000 in cash.

Barnes was arraigned in Manhattan Criminal Court, and was allowed to leave when the Rev. Windham posted \$15,000 cash bail. The Manhattan district attorney, unlike Merola, did not check the bond. Nicky's next arrest was for murder.

(Tomorrow: Barnes sends his money to the laundry.)

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Nicky, the Preacher & \$50,000 Bail Money

By EDWARD KIRKMAN
(Second of a series)

When a Harlem minister posted \$50,000 bail last May for the release of alleged killer and narcotics baron LeRoy (Nicky) Barnes, all hell broke loose. Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola, believing the money was from Barnes, began an investigation.

What bothered Merola was that the week before the Rev. Samuel Windham, pastor of Samuel's Temple Church of God in Christ Inc., posted the bail, the church's bank balance had shown a little more than \$300. Merola said:

"I felt that checking bonds was an area that was being neglected by the criminal-justice system, in that illegal, tainted money — the proceeds of crime — was being utilized for bail purposes."

"When the church posted \$50,000 cash bail for a known big-time drug dealer like Barnes, my suspicions were



LeRoy (Nicky) Barnes in New York City

aroused. To this day, I have very serious doubts that it was the church's money."

Assistant District Attorney Helen Johnson was assigned by Merola to prosecute the murder charge against Barnes and to investigate the bail application. The application was successfully challenged, on the



police lineup after one of his arrests.

that the money belonged to the congregation and was not supposed to be used for bonding purposes. Barnes filed six more applications, before gaining freedom.

The first bail application brought the Rev. Windham and his many activities into the spotlight. City Investigation Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta

is investigating a possible misappropriation of \$84,000 in funds of a city day-camp center run by the Rev. Windham.

He operates 41 city-funded centers, including a highly praised 24-hour-a-day unit in his church, at 85 W. 125th St. The church rents space to the city, and in addition is funded for running the center.

The Rev. Windham, an expert at obtaining antipoverty funds, has also formed a coalition of 166 day centers called New Movement Day Care Centers Inc. The group receives more than \$50 million annually.

After this coalition was formed, the pastor moved into the labor field. He organized United Minorities Corp., a union for New Movement's 35,000 employees. The Rev. Windham became, in effect, both labor and management.

Merola's investigation may have been embarrassing for the Rev. Windham, but for Barnes, it was disastrous. The heat was intense for Nicky, who was

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dashing Nicky's luck ran out when he was sentenced to serve 10 to 20 years in prison.

But Barnes was far from finished.

According to intelligence sources Barnes left 39 kilos (about 85 pounds) of heroin with his friend, William (Goldfinger) Terrel with instructions to move the "goods" in his absence. Barnes, also had more than \$1 million in cash salted away.

The proceeds from Terrell's sales were slated to go for the employment of private investigators and lawyers, who he hoped, could gain evidence supporting Barnes' claim that he had been framed. Edmund Rosner, an attorney with connections, joined the Barnes team and a new trial application was sought.

Barnes spent four years in jail while lawyers worked for the reversal, the circumstances of which are still buzzed about in court corridors and among the town's drug barons.

After Barnes' conviction in 1966, all the case evidence, including two reels of wiretap information—deemed unimportant and not used at the trial—were ordered sealed and sent to the Police Department's Narcotics Division file room, then situated at the Old Slip Precinct in lower Manhattan.

The evidence in Barnes' case remained in the files until 1970, two years after the formation of the now totally discredited Special Investigations Unit. To date, 24 members of the unit have been arrested on charges ranging from drug selling to rigging evidence on behalf of big-time pushers they themselves have arrested.

Lawyer Jailed, Disbarred

Rosner, Barnes' lawyer, listed many of the unit cops as friends, including Robert Leuci, who later helped to convict Rosner on a bribery charge. The attorney bribed Leuci to obtain federal grand jury information. Leuci, a federal informant at the time, recorded the offer on a concealed tape recorder. The information helped to convict Rosner in Federal Court and he received a three-year prison term and was disbarred.

But back in '70 Rosner was a practicing attorney. He won a new trial hearing, contending that evidence on one of the tapes in the Narcotic Division files would prove Barnes had been framed. The reels and other case data were picked up in January by two Bronx assistant district attorneys.

The reels were still in the sealed envelope when they reached the Bronx. Justice Burton Roberts, then Bronx district attorney, ordered the seal broken and the tapes played.

Orders Evidence Sealed

Neither reel, it was learned, backed up Barnes' contention that he had been framed. Roberts ordered the evidence resealed and placed in the office safe until the new trial hearing, which was set for June.

The officers who arrested Barnes in 1966 were called to testify. Griffin is still a federal agent as is Catale, who went with the feds after retiring from the Police Department. Four years had passed since the men had testified in the case. Several of Catale's statements varied from his original testimony. A judge was later to characterize the testimony as "unwillingful perjury."

But the biggest shocker in the case was reserved for last when the tapes were brought into court from the supposedly robberyproof safe of the district attorney's office. Assistant District Attorney James Randolph, since retired, opened the envelope and found only one tape. The other had disappeared.

Roberts ordered an immediate

investigation. The Police Department assigned its corruption-probing unit to the case. Neither probe was successful.

Rosner charged that the prosecution had destroyed the reel, and that it would have proven that Barnes was framed. A typewritten transcript of the information on the tape was produced by Randolph. Rosner said it could have been altered.

The conviction against Barnes was reversed and Nicky was back on the streets. He picked up a new nickname—"The Untouchable." A spokesman for Nadjari, while confirming the investigation, refused further comment.

Root of His Troubles

All of Barnes' current troubles can be traced to his eagerness to make bail following his arrest in May for the murder of Clifford Haynes. A Barnes lieutenant, Curtis Mollette, charged with the same crime, had been arrested earlier and freed in \$75,000 bond.

Barnes, a former street junkie who knicked the habit and allegedly made millions by selling heroin to those less fortunate, seemed pleased when "only" \$100,000 bail was set at his arraignment.

(Tomorrow: Nicky attempts to make bail.)

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Heat's On Supercool Barnes



Leroy (Nicky) Barnes
His troubles are mounting

(Editor's note: For the past several weeks, News investigative reporter Edward Kirkman has been from New York to Detroit and Cleveland following the trail of Leroy (Nicky) Barnes, an ex-junkie who became one of the biggest heroin merchants in the city, according to authorities, and now regards himself and his millionaire lifestyle as "untouchable." Here is the first of a three-part series.)

By EDWARD KIRKMAN

The circumstances surrounding the reversal of Leroy (Nicky) Barnes' 1970 drug conviction—a case that featured Watergate-like witnesses with faulty memories and the strange disappearance of a wiretap conversation—are now under investigation by Special Prosecutor Maurice Nadjari.

The Nadjari probe is focusing on how Barnes was sprung after serving only four years of a 10-to-20 prison term. According to police intelligence, Barnes later bragged that the reversal had "cost" him a quarter of a million dollars.

Troubles continue to mount for Barnes, tagged the city's sixth

biggest heroin pusher by the Police Narcotics Division. In addition to a Bronx homicide indictment, he also faces trial for weapons and narcotic possession. And Barnes' attempt to invest money in federally insured housing projects has triggered probes by four separate governmental agencies.

The narcotic reversal story goes back to Jan. 29, 1965, when the swaggering drug dealer was arrested on a Bronx street corner with four ounces of heroin in his pocket. Barnes, who often boasted that he had half the narco force on his personal pad, did not know the arresting officers, Federal Agent John Griffin and City Detective Joseph Catale. But this didn't stop him from grumbling, "hey man, you gotta be kidding?"

The cops were part of a team that had been investigating Barnes for several months. They had taken Barnes along when they raided one of his Bronx cutting mills, where they found more than \$500,000 in heroin. Barnes was collared for personal possession of drugs and for operating the mill.

The Police Department hailed the arrest of the man they termed "the biggest drug dealer in the Bronx." Barnes easily made the \$50,000 bail set at his arraignment.

At the trial Barnes was found not guilty on the mill operation charge, but convicted for personal possession of drugs. The

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Detroit Division for informational purposes in their case captioned "Oakwood Apartments; Pontiac, Michigan; LEROY BARNES aka "Nicky"; RICO.

One copy of this report is being designated to New York file 92-7673, which has been designated as a control file and is captioned "Black Mafia; AR". One copy is being furnished to New York case file 183-217 for informational purposes regarding above captioned RICO case.

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With regard to Detroit Division's origin case captioned "Oakwood Apartments, Pontiac, Michigan; LEROY BARNES, aka "Nicky"; RICO", Detroit, by airtel dated July 24, 1974, provided the following information:

For information New York, several newspaper articles in Detroit, Michigan, newspapers, during the last four days, reflect that a Detroit Bondsman by the name of [REDACTED] secured the release of subject, BARNES, from the Riker's Island Jail, New York, by posting a \$100,000 cash bond. The newspaper articles identify BARNES, of Riverdale, New York, as one of the leading narcotics dealers in the United States. He is apparently charged in the drug related knife slaying of an individual named CLIFFORD HAYNES, Bronx, New York.

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The newspaper articles further reflect that BARNES has invested approximately \$270,000 in the Oakwood Apartments, which are being constructed in Pontiac, Michigan, at the present time by Kaufman and Broad Homes of Michigan, Incorporated. BARNES apparently has two partners in the apartment project who are identified as [REDACTED] both of whom are attorneys in [REDACTED] Michigan. Information received on a confidential basis from the [REDACTED] of the Detroit Organized Strike Force [REDACTED]

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It is also noted that apparently BARNES has been the subject of an IRS investigation in New York, and that they presently have a tax lien against him for \$350,000.00.

The newspaper articles further reflect that testimony was taken from [REDACTED] regarding the bond, and BARNES investment in the apartment complexes before Justice MAX BLOOM, New York State Supreme Court, Bronx, New York, on July 22, 1974.

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The only description of BARNES at this time is that he is a Negro male, 41 years of age.

It is additionally noted that the Pontiac apartment development has obtained a 4.6 million dollar FHA mortgage commitment on the project.

By airtel dated August 1, 1974, the New York Office furnished the Detroit Division was furnished with requested transcripts of the bond hearing of July 30, 1974 regarding [redacted] and the subject.

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The RICO case regarding BARNES, [redacted] is currently under active investigation by the New York Office, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington Field, and Albany Divisions.

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Synopsis:

LEROY BARNES, according to news article, is allegedly one of the "top ten of the local Black Mafia". News articles regarding subject's background and recent attempts to be released on \$100,000 bail in New York, New York, set forth. Identification record and description set out. NY T-1 advised subject formerly connected in narcotics with [redacted]. NY T-2 advised subject currently free on \$100,000; believed subject residing in Yonkers, New York.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a review of a series of articles which appeared in the "New York Daily News" on June 10, 1974, captioned "The Black Mafia". The first article opened with a statement by Regional Director ARTHUR LEWIS, Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, to the fact that "black narcotics gangs have emerged in New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago and Atlanta." LEWIS states the gangs "call themselves 'The Black Mafia' and said, "These groups have money and power

All sources whose identities are concealed in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

and are rapidly gaining more influence. They are operating on an interstate and international level. They are engaged in a struggle with the old - line criminal groups for either all or a share of the heroin and cocaine traffic. They are ruthless, and do not hesitate to kill either their competitors or their associates to establish control and authority".

The "New York Daily News" article of June 10, 1974, stated "the most affluent and most violent black gangs are all in narcotics" and "their leaders, according to police and Federal sources (New York City area) comprise the top ten of the local Black Mafia. One of these ten was identified as follows:

"LEROY (Nicky) BARNES, 42, last known address - 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx".

The article went on to allege that during a period of incarceration in Greenhaven Prison several years ago, BARNES became friendly with JOEY GALLO, also known as "Crazy Joe".

The article continued as follows:

"GALLO's advice had been invaluable. "From what we have been able to determine," a police intelligence officer said, "he was one hell of a teacher. He schooled a lot of blacks in Attica, Sing Sing and Greenhaven. He taught them how to move into traditional Mafia territory. And they did."

"NICKY BARNES made such a move long before he met Crazy JOE. A former street pusher for a white - bossed dope gang. NICKY saved his money, invested in a kilo of heroin and went into business for himself around 1964 with the approval of Mafia executives who supplied his merchandise.

"Detectives describe him as "Italian - oriented." He modeled his organization after the traditional Mafia family, but he failed to project a Godfather image. When

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the cops caught him with \$500,000 worth of smack in 1965, he had at least 50 pushers and runners working for him. Most of them remained on his payroll while he was away in prison.

"One of his most trusted employees was his chauffeur - bodyguard, REGINALD (Reggie) ISAACS of White Plains. But REGGIE apparently got greedy. This is what happened, according to investigators:

"In November, 1972, a Detroit dealer ordered 16 kilos of heroin from the BARNES mob and made a down payment of more than \$250,000. ISAACS was sent to deliver the dope to a courier for the buyer. An hour later, REGGIE returned and told his boss he had been held up and robbed on his way to make the delivery.

"Shortly thereafter, REGGIE vanished. His bullet-riddled body was found stuffed in the trunk of his Lincoln - Continental, parked off Gun Hill Road in the Bronx, on December 3, 1972. Five nights later, detectives caught a man coming out of an apartment REGGIE had rented in Long Island City, Queens. He was carrying a suitcase and shopping bag which, by a remarkable coincidence, contained 16 kilos of heroin, worth \$15 million in street sales.

"The courier, JAMES HUGHES, claimed that a stranger had hired him to pick up and deliver the bags. He insisted he did not know his employer or what the bags contained. Questioned by the cops, BARNES denied any knowledge of the murder or the heroin.

"Last August, detectives and three police dogs raided NICKY's \$650 - a - month penthouse in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. The dogs sniffed out a quantity of hashish under the wall - to - wall carpeting.

"The cops also found five handguns, a sawed - off shotgun and \$50,000 cash. In the basement garage, they searched NICKY's cars - an \$18,000 Mercedes - Benz limousine, a \$14,000 Maserati, a Cadillac Eldorado and a Chevelle (for travelling incognito).

"A City Court judge set bail at \$75,000 but Manhattan Supreme Court Justice ANDREW TYLER promptly cut it to \$15,000 despite NICKY's long record and two prison terms. BARNES was back in his penthouse less than 24 hours after the bust.

"NICKY was arrested again last month, this time on a murder charge. He was accused of the fatal stabbing of CLIFFORD HAYNES, believed to be one of his pushers. HAYNES was killed March 9 in his Bronx apartment.

"This time, bail was set at \$100,000. NICKY's spiritual adviser, Reverend SAM WINDHAM, appeared at a bail bondsman's office with two certified checks for \$25,000 each. WINDHAM, pastor of Samuel's Temple of the Church of God in Christ, 75 East 125th Street, pledged the church property for the remaining \$50,000.

"Bronx District Attorney MARIO MEROLA ordered an immediate investigation, which disclosed that the church had only \$330.42 in its treasury as late as April 30. A Supreme Court judge barred the church from posting bail and ordered WINDHAM to explain his windfall. He's to appear in court tomorrow.

"Meanwhile, NICKY remained in the jug. Though behind bars again, awaiting trial for murder, he is still Number Six on the Police Department's list of major narcotics dealers and Number Two in the Black Mafia high command, second only to FRANK MATHEWS."

The "New York Times" issue of June 12, 1974, carried an article captioned "Pastor Told Not to Use Money offered as Murder - Case Bail". The story reads as follows:

"In a stormy court hearing, a Harlem pastor was directed yesterday to keep his hands off \$50,000 he had tried to post as bail in a murder case.

"His church, ridiculing speculation about the money, said it held substantial real estate, including a day - care center leased to the city for \$4-million.

"Meanwhile, lawyers for the murder suspect, LEROY (NICKY) BARNES, came forward with \$100,000 more, this time in the names of nine private citizens, including nurses and a newspaper deliverer. The new bond brought a quick challenge from the Bronx District Attorney's office, which contended that the collateral was dubious.

"Mr. BARNES, described by the police as Number Six on their list of top narcotics, dealers, was arrested May 8 in a \$700 - a - month apartment in the Riverdale section and charged with the fatal stabbing of CLIFFORD HAYNES two months earlier. He was held in State Supreme Court in \$100,000 bail.

"On June 3, the Reverend SAM WINDHAM of Samuel's Temple of God in Christ, at 85 West 125th Street, tried to post bail, half in cash and half in church property, and said Mr. BARNES was one of his parishioners.

"District Attorney MARIO MEROLA challenged the ownership of the money, charging that a church bank account showed only a \$300 balance. Justice FRANCIS J. BLOUSTEIN scheduled a hearing yesterday on the question.

"In court, Mr. WINDHAM, tall and husky in a clerical black suit and patent - leather shoes, watched impassively while his lawyers - who also represent Mr. BARNES - argued with Assistant District Attorney IRVIN GOLDSMITH.

"The issue was why the pastor would have kept church funds in a safe - deposit box registered in his own name. DAVID BREITBART, representing Mr. WINDHAM, said the clergyman's use of "pastor" in his signature on the vault registration proved it was the church's box. To this, Mr. GOLDSMITH, a short and flamboyant prosecutor who generally tries murder case, called out: "Snake in the grass!"

"Later Mr. BREITBART alluded to a telephone conversation he overheard a few days ago between the judge and the prosecutor. Justice BLOUSTEIN has contended it is a proper discussion of scheduling, but Mr. BREITBART suggested that the judge was favoring the prosecution.

"Are you finished with your misstatements, Mr. BREITBART? Justice BLOUSTEIN asked.

"He then instructed Mr. WINDHAM not to handle the funds. The hearing ended with an agreement by the pastor to "try to convince the trustees" to take the money out of the safe - deposit box and put it savings accounts, as required by the church by laws and charter. It had been attended by a few dozen parishoners, many of them women in Sunday clothes."

The June 21, 1974 issue of the "New York Daily News" contained an article captioned "Reject Bail Bwd for BARNES". The article reads as follows:

"A third bail application for reputed Black Mafia drug dealer LEROY (NICKY) BARNES collapsed in Bronx Supreme Court yesterday after NORMAN ROBBINS, one of several persons pledging money for the bail, asked to withdraw his application.

"ROBBINS, identified as an orchestra leader of 247 Hedge Lane, Hewlett, Long Island, told Justice WILLIAM DROHAN that he did not realize "that the bail proceedings and the wide range of questions asked of my personal economic background would be so involved."

"Previously, the Reverend SAM WINDHAM, pastor of Samuel's Temple of the Church of God in Christ in Harlem, and a group of nine individuals offered to put up the \$100,000 bail for BARNES, charged with a Bronx murder. After questioning by the judge, both applications were thrown out on the grounds that the money was insufficient or that its sponsorship was clouded."

The "New York Times" issue of July 20, 1974, had an article captioned "Narcotics Figure's \$100,000 Murder Bail Here Called Tainted." The article, written by ALLEN M. SIEGAL, reads as follows:

"LEROY BARNES, a murder suspect listed by the police as a top narcotics dealer, has been freed on \$100,000 bail posted by a former Las Vegas gambling figure.

"The money, in \$10 and \$20 bills, was delivered to the Rikers Island prison in a suitcase by CHARLES GOLDFARB, who identified himself as a Detroit lawyer. He said he had become a multimillionaire by selling a Las Vegas nightclub to the industrialist HOWARD HUGHES.

"It was the fifth attempt to free Mr. BARNES on bail, and the first that prosecutors failed, at least for the moment, to defeat. Four separate bonds - beginning with one offered by a Harlem church - were struck down last month in State Supreme Court in the Bronx, after judges found irregularities in the fund sources.

"When the latest bail was posted, on Thursday evening, District Attorney MARIO MEROLA rushed to Justice MAX BLOOM and asked him to hold Mr. BARNES in jail. The judge refused, saying that if a prisoner held in bail raised cash - unlike a bond - it had to be accepted.

"Justice BLOOM then granted Mr. MEROLA's plea to summon Mr. BARNES and Mr. GOLDFARB to a hearing yesterday on 'whether any such money constitutes the fruits of criminal or unlawful conduct'".

"While the bearded Mr. BARNES, in a gold sports suit, dozed in the spectator section, Justice BLOOM looked at the three lawyers representing him and Mr. GOLDFARB. Noting that the four previous bail challenges had taken three weeks of court - room time, Justice BLOOM said, 'I hope you gentlemen are being paid on a per diem basis.'

"At the hearing, an assistant district attorney HELEN JOHNSON, charged that Mr. GOLDFARB's money was "tainted" from secret collateral put up by the murder suspect.

"Miss JOHNSON told Justice BLOOM that at Rikers Island Thursday evening, when questioned about the money, Mr. GOLDFARB had said it belonged to him and his brother, and was being made available to Mr. BARNES, who put up real estate as collateral.

"Because Mr. BARNES owes \$325,000 in Federal taxes, according to returns he has filed, Miss JOHNSON said, the collateral is subject to a lien and cannot be considered legitimate.

"The state law on bail permits the courts and prosecutors to question whether a bail offering is 'consistent with public policy' - whether, among other things, it is free of fraud and the ownership of any collateral is genuine.

"In addition, when Justice BLOOM was told about the real-estate involvement, he said 'I want to find out if Mr. GOLDFARB is illegally acting as an insurer in the state of New York.

"If Mr. GOLDFARB charged Mr. BARNES a premium for the use of the money, Justice BLOOM said, he would be violating the state's laws on the licensing of bail bondsmen.

"Repeatedly during the hearing, Mr. GOLDFARB's lawyer, IRVING ANOLIK, accused Miss JOHNSON and the District Attorney's office of a campaign to keep Mr. BARNES from going free on bail, no matter how it was posted. Miss JOHNSON de-
"Justice BLOOM adjourned yesterday's hearing until Monday and refused a final appeal by Mr. MEROLA's office to return Mr. BARNES to jail. He directed Mr. BARNES to stay within the city limits over the weekend.

"Mr. BARNES, 41 years old, is described by the police as Number Six among the country's leading narcotics dealers. He was arrested on May 11 in a \$700 - a - month apartment at 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway in Riverdale, the Bronx, and charged with the knife slaying of CLIFFORD HAYNES in the South Bronx two months earlier.

"At the time, Miss JOHNSON said that the slaying occurred in a dispute over information that Mr. BARNES wanted.

"On June 3, the Reverend SAMUEL WINDHAM of Samuel's Temple of God in Christ, at 75 East 125th Street, tried to post a bond, saying Mr. BARNES belonged to the congregation. A court challenge by Mr. MEROLA defeated the attempt.

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"When Mr. GOLDFARB showed up at Rikers Island on Thursday, he was quickly followed by representatives of Mr. MEROLA's office and the Internal Revenue Service.

"According to one official who was there, Mr. GOLDFARB said the \$100,000 had come from a certificate of deposit that he had redeemed at a Detroit bank, adding that he had many more certificates and describing the Nevada sale of nightclub, the Silver Slipper, to Mr. HUGHES.

"Public records in Nevada show that the sale took place in 1968. Three years later, Mr. GOLDFARB tried to invest \$350,000 for 44 per cent ownership of a syndicate, seeking to buy a Las Vegas hotel, the Alladin.

"After an investigation, the Nevada Gaming Commission refused the syndicate a license, after state investigators cited Mr. GOLDFARB's association with illegal bookmakers and other hoodlums in Detroit."

On June 27, 1974, the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., furnished the following identification record for LEROY BARNES, FBI number 764-417-A:

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On July 18, 1974, Special Agent (SA) AUGUST J. MICEK obtained the subject's arrest record and photograph from the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), New York, New York. The subject is described as follows:

Name	LEROY BARNES
Alias	"Nicky"
Race	Black
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	October 15, 1932
Place of Birth	New York City
Height	Five feet nine inches
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
New York City Police Department Number	301349
FBI Number	764 417 A
Fingerprint	21 M 28 W IMO
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Previous address	100 Haven Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Last known address	3333 Henry Hudson Parkway Bronx, New York
Characteristics	Wore mustache and goatee.

On August 14, 1974, NY T-1 provided the following information regarding LEROY BARNES:

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NY T-1 stated that BARNES was raised in 114th Street and Seventh Avenue of Harlem. In the early 1960s, BARNES also became connected with [redacted] Harlem. NY T-1 has heard that BARNES' [redacted] Similar to [redacted] BARNES established a relationship with [redacted] after [redacted] Two of his [redacted] also known as [redacted] a male Negro, approximately [redacted] years old, and [redacted] a male Negro, approximately [redacted] years old.

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On September 12, 1974, NY T-2 advised that LEROY BARNES, who is currently free on \$100,000 bond, no longer lives at 3333 Hudson Parkway, Bronx, New York. He stated BARNES has been attempting to get an apartment in a new luxury apartment building called "The Century" located on Johnson Avenue, Bronx, New York. NY T-2 believed BARNES could be currently residing at his mother's address, 715 East 222nd Street, Bronx, New York, or at an unknown address in Mount Vernon, New York. He stated BARNES was [redacted] from a woman named [redacted] NY T-2 asserted BARNES is now going with a woman known as [redacted]

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NY T-2 believed BARNES is not armed but stated he had a bodyguard named [redacted] also known as [redacted] NY T-2 also believed [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

DATE: October 19, 1974

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

LEROY BARNES aka
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On October 19, 1974, [REDACTED] New York City Police
Department advised that one of BARNES [REDACTED] was
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[REDACTED] stated that as [REDACTED] was being
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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka
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On November 16, 1974, [REDACTED] New York City Police Department, advised that BARNES won his court fight to be released from jail on bail. He stated that BARNES was released on a \$100,000 bond and he will probably be coming up for trial sometime in the early part of 1975. [REDACTED] stated that since BARNES has been out of jail, he has kept himself relatively clean and he probably resides at his mother's house in the Bronx.

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[REDACTED] further stated that BARNES has maintained such a low profile that he is hardly ever seen on the streets or driving one of the rented luxury cars like he drove before he was arrested. [REDACTED] stated that BARNES uses public transportation to get around.

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[REDACTED] stated that probably the main thing that is causing BARNES to maintain such a low profile is the \$325,000 federal tax lien against him by the Internal Revenue Service. He stated that BARNES probably has lots of money at his disposal, but as soon as he claims any of it, the IRS will take it

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

DATE: December 3, 1974

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka

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On instant date, BARNES was observed in the Harlem area driving a 1974 Mercedes Benz with Pennsylvania license 56G 880. An inquiry with the Pennsylvania State Department of Motor Vehicle reveal that this car is registered to Hoby Darling Leasing Corporation, 1149 Faucett Avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. The vehicle is allegedly leased from the Hoby Darling Leasing Corporation at 112 West 145th Street, NYC for \$350 per month.

It is noted that most of the big time drug dealers in the New York area drive cars leased from the Hoby Darling Leasing Corporation.

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Reputed Drug Kingpin Held on Bribe, Gun Raps

By RICHARD SCHWARTZ
and JAMES NORMAN

Leroy (Nicky) Barnes, described by police investigators as one of the city's top drug pushers, was stopped for a routine check in The Bronx early this morning, and then charged with trying to bribe officers who arrested him and two companions on weapons charges.

Police said they found an estimated \$130,000 in the trunk of his rented car.

Barnes, the center of a bizarre bail dispute earlier this year, had been free on \$100,000 bond while awaiting trial in the March 8 stabbing death of a Bronx drug dealer.

The reputed drug kingpin was driving his rented 1974 blue Mercedes along Tremont Avenue in The Bronx at 1:20 a m when Police Officers William Ohrnberger and William Dunthly said they waved him over to the side of the road for a routine check.

The officers said later that their suspicions had been aroused by the sight of the brand new luxury car in such a poor neighborhood.

"He was acting real nervous," Ohrnberger recalled later, "talking, talking, moving back and forth . . . more or less trying to hurry up and get out of there. That made us a little suspicious."

While Barnes was being questioned, according to the officers, Duthy noticed a back seat passenger later identified as Robert Monroe, 43, of 970 Prospect Av., Brooklyn, remove a .38 caliber snub-nosed revolver from his waistband and drop it to the floor.

At that point, Barnes, Monroe and another passenger, Richard Smith, 33, of 570 W 157th St, The Bronx, were ordered from the car and frisked.

The three were handcuffed and taken to the Bathgate Avenue station in the Tremont section, where police said subsequent search turned up a similar snub-nosed revolver hidden on Smith. All three were charged with possession of the two weapons.

Sgt Henry Beatty of the 48th Precinct joined the arresting officers, and later told reporters that Barnes "started making overtures that he'd do the right thing if he were released . . . he would give us 'X' amount of dollars."

Police said later that Barnes, apparently unsure of just how much cash was in four grocery bags and a suitcase in the trunk of the car, offered them all but about \$18,000.

The money was wrapped

in separate bundles of \$1000 each, bound by rubber bands, according to police. Each bundle contained "everything from singles all the way up to hundreds" in old bills, they said.

Officers said that after Barnes was advised he was being charged with weapons possession and attempted bribery, he denied that he had made any offer of money.

Barnes is accused in the stabbing death of Clifford Haynes during an argument over drug receipts last March. He was arrested May 11, touching off a complicated bail process in which authorities believe he tried to put up laundered funds through other people in a surreptitious attempt to make his own bail.

The reason he was unable to simply put up his own money for the bail, according to law officials, is that he has a \$325,000 federal tax lien against him, and if he showed evidence of having money it would have been seized by the Internal Revenue Service.

In one attempt to make bail, The Rev Sam Wyndham of Samuel's Temple of the Church of God, a Bronx store,

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front church with \$334 in its bank account, offered \$50,000 and a pledge to put up another \$50,000 if Barnes disappeared.

However, because of the "considerable vagueness as to its ownership and sources," State Supreme Court Justice Francis Bloustein ordered the pastor to take the money and put it into the church

bank account.

Three other attempts to put up the bail were either rejected or were withdrawn by those ostensibly making the offers.

Barnes was freed briefly on July 18 when a Detroit bondsman named Charles Goldfarb put up \$100,000. But in the midst of a hearing on the source of the money Goldfarb applied to

get the money back, and Barnes was put in jail again.

He finally was freed when a Supreme Court Justice approved one of the earlier rejected bond offerings of \$43,000 by eight individuals, plus collateral from three other backers, bringing the total to \$50,000. Even though only \$50,000 cash was put up, the bond stands at \$100,000, with the individuals responsible

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE 12/17/74

FROM :

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LEROY 'NICKEY' BARNES.
INFO CONCERNING (BLACK MAFIA).

Leroy Barnes

Patrolman [REDACTED] 48th Precinct, NYCPD, phone [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the NY Office 4:45 a.m. this date, 12/17/74, and advised that his Precinct had just arrested captioned individual, publicly declared member of the 'Black Mafia'. BARNES was arrested with two others when the auto in which they were driving was found to contain several weapons. Upon arrest, the trio attempted to bribe the arresting officers with money in their possession amounting to between \$130,000.00 and \$180,000.00. BARNES and other two will be arraigned this morning in criminal court on charges of possession of weapons and attempted bribery.

Ptl. [REDACTED] stated that no particulars regarding background, identities of other two, description of the auto, etc. had been acquired yet. He was asked to call back NY Office when they obtained additional information.

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Net Drug Big After 132G Bribe Bid

By JAMES DUDDY and EDWARD KIRKMAN

LeRoy (Nicky) Barnes, described as the "No. 1 black narcotics dealer in the country," was picked up in a routine traffic check and was hit with bribery and weapons charges early yesterday after allegedly offering two cops \$132,000 in cash from the trunk of his rented Mercedes.

Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola requested bail of \$5 million on Barnes who has been convicted as a drug dealer, but bail was set at \$25,000, which Merola described as pocket money for Barnes.

Assistant District Attorney Helen Johnson, appearing before Bronx Criminal Court Judge John Carro, said that Barnes was already under a Bronx murder indictment and "was a millionaire, many times over. He owns 90% of two huge housing developments in Pontiac, Mich., and in Cleveland, and has unlimited funds."

Statement by Judge

Carro, in denying the high bail, said: "I make no judgment in other matters. I must protect the rights of the defendant in this matter." He then set bail at \$25,000, with a hearing date for tomorrow.

Merola, who was present in court said later "Barnes can take \$25,000 out of his pocket right now."

Barnes and two companions, Richard (Big Smitty) Smith, 33, of 530 W. 157th St., and Robert Monroe, 43, of 970 Prospect Ave., both Bronx, were collared early yesterday by Bronx policemen who stopped their rented Mercedes on a routine check.

As the officers, Daniel Duffy

and Paul Von Werne, stopped the car, they heard an alarm on their radio seeking three black males in a holdup. The officers ordered the men from the car. As they got out, a .38-caliber pistol fell on the street, according to police.

The cops radioed for other units. While waiting, Duffy searched the auto and said that he found another revolver jammed under a rear seat. Barnes, then allegedly offered the cops \$50,000 to allow himself and his friends to go free. The alleged offer soon swelled to more than \$132,000, which the cops found jammed in two brown paper bags in the trunk of the car, authorities said.

The cops said that they pretended to be interested in the offer and told Barnes they would further discuss the matter in the stationhouse after they checked with their superiors.

The superior officer at the station was Sgt. John Mulligan of the Bronx Internal Affairs Division. Mulligan pretended to bargain with the suspects, he said.



News photo by Frank Giorandino
Richard Smith in custody at police station yesterday.

Finally Barnes, according to police, told Mulligan that he could keep all the cash, if he and Smith would be set free. Monroe, Barnes told Mulligan, would be arrested on the gun charge.

Instead the cops booked all

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three on bribery and weapons charges. Smith, 6-foot-3 and 350 pounds, was described as Barnes' bodyguard. He has served time in connection with a machine gun murder. At yesterday's arraignment, Smith and Monroe were held in \$5,000 bail each by Carro, instead of the requested \$25,000.

Barnes was once a street junkie who rose to millionaire status on the sale of heroin, police said. He numbers several convictions for pushing on his lengthy police record.

A Trial Next Month

Barnes and Curtis Mollete will be tried next month in the murder of Clifford Haynes in the Bronx last March. Barnes is also facing trial in Manhattan for drug and weapon possession charges.

When a Harlem minister posted \$50,000 cash bail for Barnes on the murder charge, Merola began checking for the true owner of the cash. Merola eventually

charged the money was actually Barnes' and denied the application.

Then a Detroit bondsman posted \$100,000 in cash for the suspects' release. Merola challenged the application again, insisting that the cash belonged to the narcotics suspect. The money has since been seized by the Internal Revenue Service. During the course of the bail battles, Merola discovered Barnes was "laundering" his money in two federally insured housing developments in Michigan and Ohio. Barnes had put up more than \$305,000 in cash for the developments valued in excess of \$6 billion dollars.

The policemen who bagged Barnes and turned down the lucrative bribe offer were roundly praised by their superiors. Duffy modestly summed up the cops' reaction: "It wouldn't be worth it to take the money. We would probably be caught and go to jail."

Sgt. Mulligan, whose job in-



Leroy (Nicky) Barnes

of Duffy and Von Werne. "They did exactly what they were trained to do," said Mulligan, who turned down the offer too.

volves checking on corruption, said the department was proud



Patrolmen Daniel Duffy (left) and Paul Von Werne, who made arrest, look over some of the money allegedly offered as bribe.

News photo by Carmine Donofrio

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Grand Jury Gets Barnes Case

By JAMES DUDDY and EDWARD KIRKMAN

A Bronx grand jury will begin hearing evidence today against Le Roy (Nick) Barnes, the heroin peddler who allegedly attempted to buy his way out of a gun arrest by offering cops a \$132,000 bribe. The cops, all scheduled to testify, arrested Barnes and two buddies.

Barnes, called the No 1 black narcotics dealer in the country by District Attorney Mario Merola, is being held in the Bronx House of Detention in lieu of \$25,000 bail. He is scheduled for a hearing today in Bronx Criminal Court.

Barnes, 41, a convicted narcotics trafficker who was described in court Tuesday "as a millionaire many times over," has not made bail because of several technical problems. If he posts the bail himself, the Internal Revenue Service will seize the cash. They already hold more than \$400,000 in cash belonging to Barnes.

If Barnes has an intermediary post collateral, Merola would probe the intermediary's background, as he did when a Harlem

minister posted \$50,000 in cash for Barnes' release on a homicide charge last May.

Merola charged that the cash belonged to Barnes and not the minister. The application was turned down and the cash was returned to the church. Sources disclosed that not many of Barnes' friends can afford a probe by Merola's office.

The frustration is acute for Barnes, who seemingly has an unlimited amount of cash. In addition to the \$400,000 held by the income tax people, he has lost another \$429,000 in cash through bail application and police seizures. The figure includes Tuesday's reported attempt to bribe Sgts. Henry Beattie and John Mulligan and Police Officers Daniel Duffy and Paul Von Werne.

Barnes' investment of slightly more than \$40,000 in two federally insured housing projects is also being challenged by the government.

Merola's rapid presentation of the case to a grand jury may be the beginning of Barnes' downfall, courthouse observers believe. A quick indictment of Barnes and his associates, Richard (Big Smitty) Smith and Robert Monroe, would lead to a fast trial by Merola.

Although Merola's request for \$5 million bail was turned down Tuesday by Judge John Carro, the district attorney feels that if an indictment is forthcoming, much higher bail than the present \$25,000 will be set and that Barnes will be forced to remain in jail while awaiting trial.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] Section 55

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES, aka. "Nicky"
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Re NY report of SA [REDACTED], 9/26/74.

On 11/29/74, ~~NY~~ [REDACTED] Seventh Homicide Task Force, NYCPD, advised SA [REDACTED] that BARNES continues to go with a negro female, address unknown, by the name of [REDACTED] NYCPD B# [REDACTED]. He stated BARNES has been frequenting the Mark V Bar, 174th Street and Southern Boulevard, Bronx, N.Y., the Purple Manor on 125th Street and Madison Avenue, NYC, and an after hours bar known as the Club 83 located at 153 Lenox Avenue, NYC.

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[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] in the BARNES narcotics operation. He stated he would attempt to obtain additional information regarding [REDACTED] as well as the current information regarding the ~~NY~~ activities of subject BARNES.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085) (P) DATE: 12/20/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#55)

SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka
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On 12/20/74, [REDACTED]
New York City Police Department, furnished the following back-
ground information to SA [REDACTED] regarding BARNES'
narcotic operation.

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LEROY BARNES (B# 301345 [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] have in the past and are
presently heading one of the major narcotic distribution
operations in the area of 116th Street and Lenox Avenue in
Harlem. The operational structure consists of the cutting,
packaging and the distribution of quarter ounce packages
of heroin. Mill girls cut kilo quantities of heroin into
approximately 960 to 1,000 quarter ounce bags for street
distribution.

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BARNES and [REDACTED] have operated mills during 1971
and 1972 in Queens, and Manhattan. They had mills in the
following locations:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Mill girls are known to cut and package heroin
for the operation two to three times a week.

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BARNES' operation carried a specific trademark identifying their drug. [redacted] the mill operation over the telephone, designating the amounts and methods of actual distribution. Mill girls were designated to transport the packages to the street distribution sites usually via public transportation. The vicinity of West 145th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Harlem, was frequently used as a drug point.

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In 1971, BARNES [redacted] with the murder of REGINALD ISSACS at 999 Weaver Street, New Rochelle, New York. ISSACS was supposedly the mastermind behind the theft of sixteen kilos of heroin from one of the mills.

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About the time of the murder, the BARNES [redacted] operation was believed to be distributing kilo quantities of heroin to [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]. These two individuals are associates of [redacted] of Detroit, [redacted] one of Detroit's largest narcotics operations. [redacted]

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[redacted] is also [redacted] and thus establishes a Detroit connection to the BARNES [redacted] operation. It is noted that [redacted] is the [redacted] of [redacted] a well documented supplier of heroin in the New York area.

Known sources of narcotics for the BARNES [redacted] operation are [redacted] and [redacted] who have

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international connections. They are also known associates of

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[REDACTED] all known as international traffickers of
heroin and cocaine.

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Fear Barnes Is Target For Rubout

A Bronx Supreme Court Justice canceled a scheduled court appearance today of reputed narcotics kingpin Leroy (Nicky) Barnes after police said they wanted to check reports that he may be the target of an underworld assassination.

Barnes, arrested and jailed Dec. 17, on charges of attempting to bribe two police officers with nearly \$133,000, was scheduled to appear today for a pre-trial hearing on those charges before Justice Joseph Sullivan.

Instead, his lawyers said, Barnes will be "on call" at a "private residence in the area." In a controversial action, Barnes was freed on \$100,000 bail late Friday after a judge barred Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola from investigating the source of the bail.

In cancelling Barnes' appearance today Justice Sullivan also added he would rule today on a motion by Barnes' lawyers requesting that Barnes be placed "on call" for the length of the trial.

"If Nicky Barnes is targeted for murder, I don't want to be around in court," said Jeff Weisenfeld, one of Barnes' lawyers.

The Daily News Saturday quoted an unidentified police officer as saying "I think he [Barnes] is going to get blown away [murdered]." The article also quoted a narcotics detective who said Barnes' arrest would cause "open warfare" among opposing factions of the narcotics underworld.

Lawyers for ABC television news were also scheduled to appear in court today. Justice Sullivan said he would determine if taped interviews by the network with police officers who arrested Barnes would be used as evidence.

Meanwhile, in Manhattan Appellate Court, Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola is scheduled to appeal Friday's bail ruling by Supreme Court Justice Mary Lowe. She said the District Attorney's office had "no legal right to investigate" the source of Barnes' \$100,000 bail.

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NICKY BARNES FREED ON BOND OF \$100,000

Leroy (Nicky) Barnes, whom law enforcement authorities have described as one of the nation's major drug traffickers, was released from the Bronx House of Detention yesterday after his attorney posted a \$100,000 bond.

He is to be back in State Supreme Court on Monday to face charges that he offered two policemen a \$130,000 bribe last December.

The Bronx District Attorney's office lost a bid to inspect the source of Mr. Barnes's bail money when Acting State Supreme Court Justice Mary Johnson Lowe ruled that they did not have the right to do so. The District Attorney had sought to examine whether the money belong to Mr. Barnes because the Internal Revenue Service is seeking to recover \$300,000 from him.

Mr. Barnes's bail has been an issue of dispute before. In the bribery case it was originally set at \$25,000, was raised to \$2.6-million, later reduced to \$500,000 and last Monday reduced again to \$100,000.

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sure, someone else took over the drug show after a matter of days. Whether or not he'll be able to regain control of the operation remains to be seen."

Another cop put it much more simply: "I think he's going to get blown away (murdered)."

Objecting in court that Barnes would be tempted to jump bail, Merola recalled that Frank Matthews did not return to court three years ago to answer similar charges. "There's a good chance Matthews is dead. Barnes became No. 1 after Matthews left," Merola said.

Moving In From Philly

Undercover sources said last night that organized black narcotics dealers from Philadelphia have been moving on on Barnes' territory.

Last week, Merola obtained a court directive barring Barnes' release until the district attorney's office had had 48 hours to examine the source of the money and "determine the legality of the money involved."

As a result, when Barnes' attorney showed up at the House of Detention yesterday with a cashier's check for \$100,000, the deputy warden refused to allow the drug mobster's release.

The attorney, David Breitbart, then obtained a hearing before State Supreme Court Justice Mary Lowe and argued that the district attorney had "no legal right to investigate its source."

Judge Lowe ruled in favor of Barnes and directed that the prisoner be released immediately. Barnes was allowed to leave at 8:30 p.m.

It was the same Judge Lowe who, in August 1973, before the still new drug law took effect, handed out a life sentence to Antonio Abraham, a first-offender drug dealer who had sold more than a pound of cocaine to an undercover cop.

DA to Appeal

Merola said last night: "We are going to appeal the first thing Monday. The people should have had a chance to be sure that the bail money was not 'dirty' — the proceeds of criminal activity."

Without attacking Judge Lowe directly, Merola asked: "We haven't a damn right to examine the source of that certified check? In business, for example, you can always question the source of funds. Who deposited the money in the bank behind that check?"

Barnes' bribery arrest occurred after police officers said they had found two guns secreted in his rented Mercedes-Benz. The cops said that Barnes had offered them the money — about \$133,000 in small bills in let him go. Police believe the cash represented income from heroin sales.

City police rank Barnes No. 6 on their list of 100 major narcotics violators.

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Drug Kingpin Free in Bail; Fear New War

By RICHARD EDMONDS

Over the objections of the Bronx district attorney's office that he might skip town, narcotics kingpin Leroy (Nicky) Barnes was freed in \$100,000 bail late yesterday after a judge had barred the district attorney from investigating the source of the money.

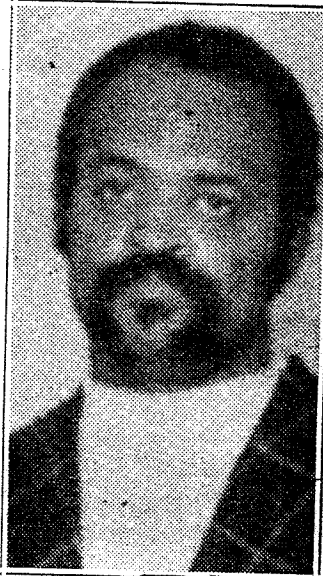
Narcotics detectives said last night that the freeing of Barnes, whom they called the "top black narcotics operator in Manhattan and the Bronx," would foment "open warfare" among opposing factions of the gang that Barnes once ruled with an iron fist.

Barnes, arrested and jailed Dec. 17 on charges of attempting to bribe two police officers with nearly \$133,000, also awaits trial on a murder charge. He has been in the Bronx Men's House of Detention.

Trial Starts Monday

On the bribery charge, Barnes must appear for trial Monday. His bail was originally set at \$2.6 million at the request of Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola. Last Monday, the Appellate Division ordered it reduced to \$100,000.

But narcotics detectives in the Bronx seriously questioned Barnes' wisdom in choosing to leave prison. "He was up there too long," said one detective close to the investigation. "For



Nicky Barnes
Also faces murder charge

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Detroit Cash Opened Cell Door for Barnes

By EDWARD KIRKMAN

The \$100,000 bail that sprang drug baron LeRoy (Nicky) Barnes from the Bronx House of Detention, where he had been held since Dec. 17 on a bribery indictment, was supplied by Detroit bondsman Charles Goldfarb, it was learned yesterday.

Goldfarb a flamboyant Motor City figure, had posted a similar amount in cash last summer when Barnes was being held on a murder charge. Goldfarb withdrew that bail application after questioning by Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola, who had contended that the money was really Barnes'.

Barnes made bail on the murder charge. He and two friends had been stopped by police in a routine auto check in December. The cops said they found two pistols in a rented Mercedes-Benz and that he had offered the cash totaling \$133,000 found in the trunk of the car, if they would let him go free.

Bail on the bribery charge originally was set at \$2.6 million, but was reduced to \$100,000 last week. When Barnes' attorney appeared with a check for that amount Friday afternoon, Merola opposed freeing Barnes, whom he called "the biggest black drug dealer in the city."

However, State Supreme Court Justice Mary Lowe ordered

check made out to the Bronx House of Detention.

Merola had no comment except that he was investigating the source of the bond, and the possibility that the money was tainted.

When Goldfarb originally appeared with the cash for Barnes last summer, he gave conflicting stories on the origin of the money. Goldfarb is the leading bail bondsman in Detroit.

Barnes was in court yesterday for a pretrial hearing on the bribery charge. His attorney has subpoenaed members of the press and electronic media to produce their reports, tapes and film dealing with Barnes' arrest on that charge.

ed Merola to release Barnes. Merola argued that he wanted time to investigate where the money for the bond came from. But Justice Lowe said that Merola had "no legal right to investigate the source of the money." Merola will appeal that decision today.

It was learned that Goldfarb had appeared at the Chemical Bank, 20 Pine St., Friday with two \$50,000 checks made out in his name. He exchanged the checks for one \$100,000 cashier's



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Barnes Going on Trial

Leroy (Nicky) Barnes will go on trial Wednesday, March 19 in Bronx Supreme Court for bribery. In the meantime the Appellate Division is reviewing a protest by Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola's right to inspect the source of Barnes' bail monies.

Barnes had been in Bronx County jail since Dec. 17 after he was arrested on charges of offering two Bronx policemen who stopped him in his rented Mercedes-Benz, \$135,000. The cash was found in the trunk of the car. According to the indictment affidavit two guns were also found in the car which was stopped for a routine check.

Barnes, already free in \$100,000 bail on a murder indictment, was released Saturday on the bribery charge. Bail was set at \$100,000. Supreme Court Justice Mary Lowe who released Barnes, said the District Attorney, who sought to stay the execution until he review the source of monies, has no legal right to investigate the source of money.

It was learned later that a Detroit bondsman, Charles Goldfarb who tried in vain to post bail for Barnes last Summer, posted the bail. Barnes' lawyer, a former Bronx Assistant District Attorney David Breithart, said his client's life was in danger and asked that his client not be required to appear in court during the preliminary hearings.

Barnes was dapper in court in his brown leather suit with shoes and hat to match. His bodyguard Richard (Hands) Smithy, was also in court.

He is also facing charges if illegal gun possession.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

FROM :  SAC, DETROIT (183-278B) (P)


SUBJECT: OAKWOODE APARTMENTS
Pontiac, Michigan;
LEROY BARNES, aka,
Nicky;

DATE: 3/17/75



RICO
(OO: DETROIT)

Re New York report of SA  9/26/74.

On 3/7/75,  Special Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Strike Force, Detroit, Michigan, requested that all available records for the past 15 years be obtained from the New York Police Department and the New York FBI regarding LEROY BARNES, including the recent arrests of BARNES for murder and bribery in New York.

BARNES' description is set forth on page 12 of referenced communication.

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

1. Will obtain any available information from FBI files and New York Police Department files regarding the criminal activities of BARNES the past 15 years.

2. Will obtain complete details, circumstances and current status surrounding BARNES' recent arrest for murder and bribery in New York.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE APR 17 1975	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/19/74 - 4/2/75
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REFERENCENYrep of SA dated 9/26/74.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to New York case file 133-217 for informational purposes regarding the case captioned, "LOCKWOOD APARTMENTS, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN, LEROY "Nicky" BARNES; RICO".

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It is noted that the investigative period covered by this report is lengthy, however, this matter received vigorous investigation and was incorporated with several other investigations of numerous individuals about whom the NYO is developing intelligence data.

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with New York City Police Department and other law enforcement agencies for any additional information regarding BARNES that they may be able to provide.

2. Will continue to follow local prosecution of BARNES and report same to Bureau.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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Seventh Homicide Task Force
New York City Police Department

Contacting Agent

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Title

LEROY BARNES

Character

ANTI-RACIST/STRIKING

Synopsis

NY T-1 advised that one of BARNES' lieutenants was arrested in early September for bribery. NY T-1 advised BARNES maintaining low profile while awaiting trial for murder. On 12/17/74, BARNES arrested Bronx, New York, charged with attempted bribery and possession of weapons. NY T-1 advised that BARNES currently free on \$100,000 bond.

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DETAILS:

On October 14, 1974, NY T-1 advised that in early September, 1974, one of BARNES' [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]

Source stated that [REDACTED]

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New York City Police Department (NYPD)

[REDACTED] as [REDACTED] was being arrested, source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On November 16, 1974, NY T-1 advised that since BARNES was released from custody on a \$100,000.00 bond on the murder charge, he has been maintaining a very low profile in public. Source stated that BARNES is hardly ever seen on the streets or in places where he frequently hung out before his arrest. BARNES, according to source, spends most of his time at his home in the Bronx and usually employs gypsy cabs to travel throughout the Bronx and Harlem areas. NY T-1 stated that BARNES cannot afford to get into any trouble nor show ownership to any large sums of money because the Internal Revenue Service has a \$325,000.00 tax lien against him.

The "New York Daily News" article of December 18, 1974, stated that LEROY BARNES was picked up on a routine traffic check and was hit with bribery and illegal weapon charges after allegedly offering two policemen more than \$132,000.00 in cash that was jammed into two paper bags in the trunk of his Mercedes Benz.

BARNES and his companions, according to the article, were stopped by two Bronx Policemen on a routine traffic check. As the officers were stopping the car, they heard an alarm over their radio seeking three black males in a holdup. BARNES and his two friends were ordered from the car and as they were getting out, a .38 caliber pistol fell on the street.

The article further stated that while waiting for assistance, the policemen searched the car and found another revolver jammed under a rear seat. BARNES then allegedly offered the policeman \$50,000.00 to allow himself and his friends to go free. The alleged offer soon swelled to more than \$132,000.00 which the policemen found jammed into two brown paper bags in the trunk of the car. While pretending to be interested in the offer, the policemen told BARNES that they would further discuss the matter at the station house after they checked with their superiors.

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Arrested with BARNES were [redacted]
age [redacted] of [redacted], and [redacted]
[redacted] both of the Bronx, New York.

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The article stated that at the [redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, Internal Affairs Division, pretended to
bargain with the suspects. BARNES finally told [redacted] that
he could keep all the cash if he and [redacted] would be set free
and [redacted] would be arrested on the gun charge. [redacted] re-
fused BARNES' offer and the three suspects were arrested and
lodged in the Bronx House of Detention.

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NY T-1 advised on December 17, 1974, that BARNES was
arraigned on December 19, 1974 and bail for BARNES was set at
\$2,600,000.

On March 7, 1975, NY T-1 advised that BARNES was
ordered released from the Bronx House of Detention on a \$100,00
cash bond. Source stated that the money was supplied by a
Detroit bondsman named [redacted] Source further stated
that attempts by Bronx District Attorney MARIO MEROLA to investi-
gate the source of the bail money met opposition when Supreme
Court Justice MARY LORE ruled that he had no legal right to
investigate the source of the money.

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On March 31, 1975, NY T-1 advised that BARNES is in
seclusion on advise from his attorney who fears that an attempt
will be made on BARNES' life.

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PONTIAC, MICHIGAN;
LEROY BARNES aka

[REDACTED]

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ReDTlet to New York, dated 3/17/75.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of arrest record
of one LEROY NICKY BARNES.

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Detailed information regarding the circumstances of
the arrest of one LEROY NICKY BARNES is set forth in report
of SA [REDACTED] NYO, dated 4/17/75.

Trial date of one LEROY NICKY BARNES has not been
set to date. If no further investigation is needed by Detroit,
New York will consider this case closed.

All New York information re NICKY BARNES is
regularly disseminated to Detroit.

NYCPD records regarding all matters except public
records are confidential.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-8085) (P)

DATE: 5/6/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#52)

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka
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(OO: NY)

Spot check at the Plus Two Bar and Shalimar Bar
(2074 and 2662 Seventh Avenue, New York City, New York)
in an attempt to locate one LEROY BARNES, provided the
following license tag:

License

Registration

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-8085) (P)

DATE: 5/23/75

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

LEROY BARNES aka
Nicky
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(OO: NY)

Beginning on 5/2/75 and throughout the month of May, 1975, efforts have been made to locate captioned subject at the Plus Two Bar, 2074 Seventh Avenue, New York, and Shalimar Bar, 2665 Seventh Avenue, New York City, were negative. Subject is still believed to be "in hiding" as a result of rumors in the Harlem area indicating BARNES being "hit" (killed).

In the past, captioned subject has been known to frequent the Plus Two Bar. However, discreet inquiries have proven that subject has not been seen.

Will continue efforts to develop information concerning activities of captioned subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-8085) (P)

DATE: 6/3/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka
Nicky
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(OO: NY)

On 6/3/75, [REDACTED] 43rd Precinct,
7th Homicide Task Force, New York City Police Department,
advised that "NICKY" BARNES is keeping a low profile for
two reasons. One is his fear of being killed or kidnapped.
The second, according to [REDACTED] is his pending trial
on bribery charges.

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[REDACTED] stated that BARNES' whereabouts
is unknown and will remain so until his trials begin.

LEROY "NICKY" BARNES is being made to stand
trial for murder and bribery charges. [REDACTED]
BARNES' [REDACTED] BARNES in
the NYCPD'S murder case against captioned subject.

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Will continue efforts to develop information con-
cerning the activities of captioned subject.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-8085) (P)

DATE: 6/20/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka
Nicky
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(OO: NY)

Repeated efforts to locate subject in and around the areas of 116th to 124th and Seventh Avenue have been negative to date.

Physical observations between June 9 and 20, 1975, at the Shalimar Bar and Plus Two Bar have provided no information concerning the activities or whereabouts of one LEROY NICKY BARNES.

Will continue efforts to locate and observe subject.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-8085) (P)

DATE: 6/24/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#52)

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES aka
Nicky
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(OO: NY)

Spot check of the Plus Two and Shalimar Bars in the area of 124th and Seventh Avenue provided the following license tags observed in the vicinity while attempting to locate captioned subject:

License 14F-477 PA
4J4-365 PA
4P1-458 PA

Registrations:

Hobby Darling Leasing Corporation
Mc Keesport, Pennsylvania

NCIC

No outstanding warrants.

It should be noted that Hobby Darling operates a garage at 112 West 145th Street, New York City, New York, Vogne Tire Company.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-8085) (P)

DATE: JUL 1 1975

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#52)

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SUBJECT: LEROY BARNES, aka
Nicky
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(OO:NY)

On 7/1/75, [REDACTED], Bronx Assistant District Attorney, NYC, NY, advised that on 5/8/75, LEROY NICKY BARNES was found not guilty of bribery charges which stemmed from his arrest on 12/19/74, whereupon \$133,000.00 was allegedly offered to police officers by BARNES.

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Assistant District Attorney [REDACTED] further advised that BARNES [REDACTED] to go on trial for murder on 7/11/75. [REDACTED] stated that Miss [REDACTED] Assistant District Attorney, Bronx, NY, will be the prosecuting Attorney in this case.

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Title:

LEROY BARNES

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Investigation conducted to obtain intelligence data on subject set forth. Subject acquitted of bribery charges on 5/8/75. Subject to stand trial for murder of REGGIE ISSACS on 7/11/75.

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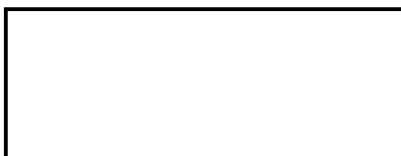
Beginning on May 2, 1975 and throughout the month of May, efforts have been made to locate captioned subject at the Plus Two Bar, 2074 Seventh Avenue and Shalimar Bar, 2665 Seventh Avenue, New York City, were negative. Subject is still believed to be "in hiding" as a result of rumors in the Harlem area indicating BARNES being "hit" (killed). In the

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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past, captioned subject has been known to frequent the Plus Two Bar, however discreet inquiries have proven that subject has not been seen in the area for the past two months.

On March 6, 1975, spot checks at the Plus Two Bar and Shalimar Bar (2074 and 2662 Seventh Avenue, New York City, New York), in an attempt to locate one LEROY BARNES provided the following license tag:



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A check of the National Crime Information Center indicated no arrest warrants were outstanding.

On June 3, 1975, NY T-1 advised that LEROY "NICKY" BARNES is keeping a low profile for two reasons. One is his fear of being killed or kidnapped and the second, according to NY T-1, is BARNES' pending trial on bribery charges. NY T-1 further advised that bribery charges against captioned subject were dismissed. The date of dismissal is not known by NY T-1.

NY T-1 stated that BARNES' whereabouts is unknown and will remain so until his murder trial has started.

It should be noted that LEROY "NICKY" BARNES is standing trial [redacted] for the murder of RIGGIE ISSACS.

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On June 20, 1975, repeated efforts to locate subject in and around the area of 16th Street and 124th Street and Seventh Avenue have been negative to date.

Physical observations between June 9 and 20 at the Shalimar and Plus Two Bars have provided no information concerning the activities or whereabouts of LEROY "NICKY" BARNES.

On June 24, 1975, spot checks at the Plus Two and Shalimar Bars in the area of 124th Street and Seventh Avenue provided the following license tags which were observed in the vicinity while attempting to locate captioned subject:

14F-477 Pennsylvania
454-365 Pennsylvania
4P1-458 Pennsylvania

Registration	Hobby Darling Leasing Corporation Mc Keesport, Pennsylvania
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A check of the National Crime Information Center indicated no outstanding warrants on the above license registration.

It should be noted that Hobby Darling operates a garage at 112 West 145th Street, New York City, New York, with the name of this garage being the Vogue Tire Company.

On July 1, 1975, NY T-2 advised that on May 8, 1975, LEROY "NICKY" BARNES was found not guilty of bribery charges which stemmed from his arrest on December, 1974, whereupon \$133,000 was allegedly offered to a police officer by BARNES.

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NY T-2 further advised that BARNES [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to go on trial on July 11, 1975, for the murder of
REGGIE ISSACS. NY T-2 stated that Ms. [REDACTED]
Assistant District Attorney, Bronx, New York, will be the
prosecuting attorney in this case.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUL 28 1975	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/2/75 - 7/1/75
TITLE OF CASE LEROY BARNES aka Nicky		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div>
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REFERENCES:

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 NYlet to DL, dated 5/5/75.

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It is noted the investigative period covered by this report is lengthy, however, this matter continued to receive vigorous investigation and was coordinated with allied investigation of numerous individuals about whom the New York Office is developing intelligence.

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This investigation was predicated upon newspaper articles appearing in the "Daily News" concerning 10 prominent black hoodlums under the overall caption, "Black Mafia." The purpose of the investigation was to develop as much intelligence data as was available and in addition, to determine whether any of the subjects were involved in any violation over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation had jurisdiction. Since all pertinent intelligence information has been obtained and no evidence of any violations of interest to the Bureau have been uncovered, therefore, this matter is being closed. Captioned subject, [REDACTED] are presently under indictment for the murder of REGGIE ISSACS. A trial date has been set for July 11. Captioned subject [REDACTED] had allegedly killed REGGIE ISSACS, a former member of BARNES' narcotics operation.

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LEAD

MICHIGAN

AT MICHIGAN, DETROIT. One copy of this report is being designated to the Detroit Division for informational purposes regarding the case captioned, "LOCKWOOD APARTMENTS, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN, LEROY NICKY BARNES; RICO."

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Identity of Source

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NY T-1

SA

[REDACTED]
Seventh Homicide Task Force
New York City Police Department

NY T-2

SA

[REDACTED]
Bronx Assistant District Attorney
New York City, New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

9/23

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

FROM : [REDACTED] SAC, DETROIT (183-278B) (P)

DATE: 9/12/75

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SUBJECT:

OAKWOODE APARTMENTS
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN;
LEROY BARNES, aka
Nicky:

[REDACTED]

RICO
(OO: DETROIT)

Re New York report of SA [REDACTED] dated
7/28/75.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 8/13/75, [REDACTED] advised that in early August
of 1975, [REDACTED] and NICKY BARNES met with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a Detroit bondsman, in Detroit concerning a land
deal, although no further information was available at this
time.

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Investigation conducted with the Housing and Urban
Development (HUD), Inspector General's Office in Chicago,
Illinois, as determined that BARNES is in no violation concerning
HUD regarding his investment procedures involving the Oakwoode
Apartments in Pontiac, Michigan. Investigation determined that
BARNES is only an investor and the only requirement of HUD is
that he file a "Previous Participation form" which he did.

Detroit Strike Force is interested in obtaining DEA
and IRS records concerning BARNES to determine if he is
in violation of RICO and/or Income Tax Statutes.

On 8/28/75, [REDACTED] Detroit Strike Force,
advised that Detroit IRS will not conduct an investigation
concerning BARNES as New York IRS is currently doing so.
[REDACTED] advised that the IRS Agent to contact in New York is
[REDACTED] group number [REDACTED] teleph [REDACTED] number [REDACTED]

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LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, YORK

Will contact IRS Agent [] to determine any available information re BARNES. Will also determine if there is a basis for a RICO investigation concerning BARNES' investments in the Oakwoode Apartments in Pontiac, Michigan. Will determine BARNES' reported sources of income and if they are in anyway connected with narcotics dealings. Will contact New York DEA Office for any additional information re the activities of BARNES.

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DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Investigation continuing.

SAC, DETROIT (183-2783)

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ReDElet to New York, dated 9/12/75.

On 9/26/75, [REDACTED] Group [REDACTED] Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 150 Church Street, New York, New York was contacted concerning an investigation that was conducted on LEROY BARNES. [REDACTED] stated that he could not allow anyone outside of the IRS to review BARNES' file unless he had a letter of permission from the IRS Service in Washington, D.C. [REDACTED] stated this is a new rule and he is bound by it; however, he did say that he found no problem with BARNES' income and that BARNES filed proper returns on all of his income.

On 10/9/75, Police Officer [REDACTED] Unified Intelligence Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, 555 West 57th Street, New York, New York was contacted concerning BARNES' involvement in the illegal drug trades. [REDACTED] stated that BARNES is one of the largest dealers in New York City. He stated that BARNES has lots of money tied up in cars used by the Hoby Darling Leasing Corporation also known as the Harlem River Motors. [REDACTED] stated that BARNES channels money into the Darling Leasing Corporation with a purchase of cars. He stated that although the cars are registered to the corporation they are primarily owned by BARNES and several others. The vehicles are leased from the garage only on a recommendation basis and they

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are mostly to major drug dealers.

[] stated that BARNES has financial interest and the Right-On Car Wash Corporation in Brooklyn, New York. The H.&F.J. Construction Corporation and the Strivers Social Club in Manhattan. He further stated that [] is known to make trips back and forth to Detroit [] BARNES. It is unknown who [] goes to Detroit.

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[] stated that he has just finished preparing a report in detail concerning NICKIE BARNES and his drug operation with details on how his money is channeled to various financial investments. He stated that this report will be made available to the FBI upon its completion.

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DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Will furnish necessary requests to IRS, Washington, D.C. requesting permission to review NICKIE BARNES' file income tax returns in New York City.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with the Unified Intelligence Division of the DEA for the completed report concerning LEROY BARNES.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Contact
for report on
Barnes

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

FROM : [REDACTED] SAC, DETROIT (183-278B)(P)

DATE: 5/13/76

SUBJECT: OAKWOOKE APARTMENTS,
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN;
LEROY BARNES, aka;

[REDACTED]
RICO; FHAM
(OO: DETROIT)

Re New York letter to Detroit, 10/17/75.

On 4/7/76, FBI, Detroit, contacted Special Attorney
[REDACTED] Detroit Strike Force, U.S. Department
of Justice. Mr. [REDACTED] requested that the FBI continue this
investigation and that he was awaiting investigative results
from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Inter-
nal Revenue Service.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will attempt to obtain a DEA report concerning
LEROY BARNES, this lead having been previously set forth
in referenced communication.

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Investigation continuing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8085)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (183-278B) (C)

DATE: 9/14/76

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SUBJECT: OAKWOODE APARTMENTS
Pontiac, Michigan;
LEROY BARNES, aka;

RICO; FHAM
OO: DETROIT

Re New York letter to Detroit, 8/31/76.

On 8/30/76, Acting Attorney-in-Charge [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was declining prosecution in this matter as it relates to Racketeering statutes. [redacted] has referred the matter to the Detroit U.S. Attorney for prosecution under Federal Housing Administration Matters (FHAM) violations. Since the Detroit U.S. Attorney's office declined the matter on 1/5/76, it is anticipated that the FHAM matter will not be re-opened.

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the Detroit Division and New York Division should discontinue investigation regarding this matter.

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OAKWOOD APARTMENTS
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LEROY BONDS aka:

[REDACTED]

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ReDEmemo to NY, dated 5/13/76.

Several attempts have been made to obtain a report from DEA concerning LEROY BONDS. [REDACTED] Unified Intelligence Section, DEA, was in the process of compiling material for such a report when the recent lay off of city policemen occurred. Although [REDACTED] was not involved in the cutback, he was unable to compile such a report along with his other duties. New York will furnish Detroit with such a report when one is made available.

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LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with DEA re BARNES.

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New York

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Date 9/14/76TO: SAC, New YorkFROM: SA RE: File No. 92-8085

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

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1. 7/5/74

2 Photos of Leroy Barnes w. Black Mafia
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2. 9/23/74

One photo of Leroy Barnes, FBI # 764-417P



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ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR

Washington, D. C.

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Enclosed are 2 photos
of Leroy Barnes.
re: Black Mafia- AR.

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Levy Barnes

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By SA August J. Mich
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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